

William Fairfax to George Washington, July 26, 1755, with Postscript from Fairfax Ladies, Letters to Washington and Accompanying Papers. Published by the Society of the Colonial Dames of America. Edited by Stanislaus Murray Hamilton.

FROM WILLIAM FAIRFAX

BELVOIR 26 July 1755

DEAR SIR

Your safe Return gives an uncomon Joy to Us and will no Doubt be sympathiz'd by all true Lovers of Heroick Virtue. From our first inexpressible affecting Intelligence by Colo Innes of the total Defeat of our Forces, Genl. Braddock and many Officers Killd, the whole Artillery taken, we have been in torturing suspence, Each one for their best belovd. Now You are by a kind Providence preservd and returnd to us, we can say the Catastrophy might have been worse. You kindly invite us over, rightly judging our Curiosity wants to be informed of some particulars yet unacquainted with, And if a Satturday Nights Rest cannot be sufficient to enable your Coming hither to Morrow, the Lady's will try to get Horses to equip our Chair or attempt their strength on Foot to Salute You so desirous are they with loving Speed to have an ocular Demonstration of your being the same Identical Gentn. that lately departed to defend his Country's Cause.

Mr Carlyle rec'd a letter from G. Fx, at Winchester after his return from Will's Creek, expressing his Concern for Missing You and accounting that He stayed there to meet

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Lord Fx in order to consult on the necessary Measures to be taken by the Militia, as Colo Dunbar seems to intend marching its supposed, to Philadelphia.

Yrs Affecy W. FAIRFAX

[There is added in the handwriting of Sally Fairfax, the following]

DEAR SIR,—After thanking Heaven for your safe return I must accuse you of great unkindness in refusing us the pleasure of seeing you this night. I do assure you nothing but our being satisfied that our Company would be disagreeable should prevent us from trying if our Legs would not carry us to Mount Virnon this Night, but if you will not come to us to morrow Morning very early we shall be at Mount Virnon S. FAIRFAX ANN SPEARING ELIZTH DENT